

C. Deed, James King of Suffield to Joseph King, his son, dated 22 February, 1721/2, sealed with a red wax seal upon which is an heraldic design as follows:

ARMS: "*Sable*, on a chevron between three crosses crosslet, *or*, three escallops of the field."

CREST: "An Esquire's helmet." (See Plate I.)

The arms on the seal of this deed are those of King of London, granted by Camden, viz.:

ARMS: "*Sable*, on a chevron between three crosses-crosslet, *or*, as many escallops of the field," but the crest in the Camden grant is quite different, being:

CREST: "A dexter arm embowed in armour, holding a broken spear, all *proper*." (See Plate No. II.)

The only other King family using "An Esquire's helmet *proper*, garnished, *or*" as crest is that of King of Hampshire and there is as yet no indication of relationship between these two families.

Captain Joseph King, the son of this James King of Suffield, Conn., executed many documents, impressed with this seal. One deed executed in 1728 bears an especially good impression and a deed executed in 1755 is sealed "with a diamond shaped piece of white paper attached by a wafer to a deed and is impressed with this seal."

In the inventory of his estate, 1756, is mentioned "A Silver Seal, King Coat of Arms," which was left to Joseph King, the eldest surviving son, and has been handed down and is now in the possession of Miss Emma C. King of Xenia, Ohio. The seal is a silver plate of circular form, of about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter on which is engraved the arms, helmet and mantling. (See cut inserted.) The plate is mounted upon a turned and polished ebony handle, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, of good workmanship. The seal is greatly worn and many of the finer lines are almost obliterated.



The original will of this Joseph King, Jr., dated 27 February, 1813, was never probated, but has been preserved and also contains an imprint of this seal.

Since there was no engraving of seals in New England as early as 1725, it is clear that James King of Suffield, Conn., must have brought this silver seal from England and had an undoubted right to the use of this coat-of-arms.

The King family of Suffield, Conn., and its descendants therefore must be ranked among the limited number of American families rightly entitled to the use of coat-armor.

II. KING OF DEVONSHIRE AND TORCESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

ARMS: "*Sable*, a lion rampant between three crosses crosslet, *or*, ducally crowned, *argent*."

CREST: "Out of a ducal coronet, *or*, a demi ostrich, *argent*, wings endorsed, beak of the first." (See Plates III and IV, No. 4.)